

**DEPARTMENT OF STATE
WASHINGTON**

December 8, 2003

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Reaffirming the importance of bringing to justice those who commit genocide, crimes against humanity and war crimes,

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Her Excellency

Lisa M. Shoman,

Ambassador of Belize.

DIPLOMATIC NOTE

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Bearing in mind Article 98 of the Rome Statute,

I have the honor to propose the following agreement:

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2. U.S. persons present in the territory of Belize shall not, absent the express consent of the Government of the United States of America,

(a) be surrendered or transferred by any means to the International Criminal Court for any purpose, or

(b) be surrendered or transferred by any means to any other entity or third country, or expelled to a third country, for the purpose of surrender to or transfer to the International Criminal Court.

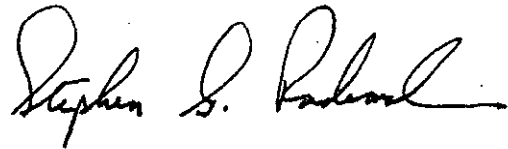
3. When the Government of Belize extradites, surrenders, or otherwise transfers a person of the United States of America to a third country, the Government of Belize will not agree to the surrender or transfer of that person to the International Criminal Court by the third country, absent the express consent of the Government of the United States.

4. This Agreement shall remain in force until one year after the date on which one Party notifies the other of its intent to terminate the Agreement. The provisions of this Agreement shall continue to apply with respect to any act occurring, or any allegation arising, before the effective date of termination.

If the proposal set forth herein is acceptable to the Government of Belize, this note and Your Excellency's affirmative note in reply shall constitute an agreement

between our two Governments which shall enter into force on
the date of Your note.

For the Secretary of State:

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Stephen S. Radnoti". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping initial "S".



Embassy of Belize
Permanent Mission of Belize to
The Organization of American States

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Colin L. Powell,

The Secretary of State.

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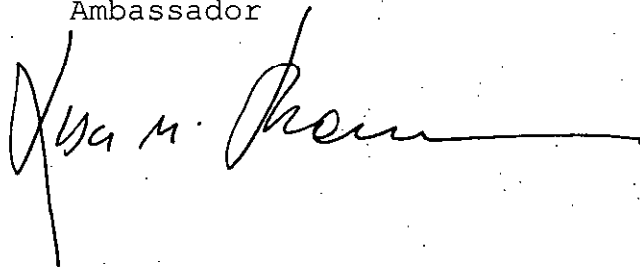
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I have the honor to inform Your Excellency that the proposed text in Your Note is acceptable to the Government of Belize, assuring Your Excellency that Your Note and this Note shall constitute an agreement between our two Governments which shall enter into force on this date.

Lisa M Shoman

Ambassador

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